

## Editors' Report

The Editors are pleased to report another successful year for the *Journal of Zoology* in 2003. During the year we received 257 submissions and published 140 papers in volumes 259–260; and our rejection rate for the period was 45%. Our aim to attract a truly international set of contributors has been met once again, with papers from 41 countries being submitted during 2003.

The *Journal* continues to receive high-quality original research papers and reviews from a wide range of taxa and a variety of disciplines. We continue to offer fast publication for our authors, with the majority of papers being published within seven months of acceptance. We are also pleased to offer authors electronic submission via the e-mail address [journalofzoology@zsl.org](mailto:journalofzoology@zsl.org).

The Editors wish to continue to promote the highest standards of animal welfare, such as the use of self-releasing radio collars and non-invasive methods of marking individual animals. We welcome short reports or debates on good practice in field and laboratory research.

The *Journal's* success is dependent on the excellent advice that we receive from our reviewers, who are listed below. We should like to thank you all for your generosity in terms of your time and expertise, and for your continued support. We should also like to thank our Consultant Editors for their help and advice, as well as all the authors who have sent in colour slides for possible reproduction on the covers.

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